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SUBJECT: CONSULAR EMPLOYEES PROFESSIONAL SEMINAR

1. THE FOREIGN SERVICE INSTITUTE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BUREAU OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS, IS PLANNING A THREE-WEEK TRAINING PROGRAM IN THE LATE SUMMER OR AUTUMN OF 1978 FOR SELECTED LOCAL EMPLOYEES WORKING IN CONSULAR SECTIONS. THIS COURSE WAS PREVIOUSLY ENTITLED "TRAINING PROGRAM FOR FOREIGN

SERVICE CONSULAR LOCAL EMPLOYEES.'

2. FOR BUDGETARY REASONS, IT MAY PROVE NECESSARY TO RUN THE COURSE DURING THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 5 - 22. DEPARTMENT WILL PROBABLY NOT BE IN A POSITION UNTIL MID-AUGUST TO DEFINITELY DETERMINE WHETHER IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO HOLD COURSE IN SEPTEMBER. WE ARE AWARE OF THE INCONVENIENCE THIS CAUSES POSTS, BUT WE BELIEVE THE LONG-TERM BENEFITS FOR THE POST AND FOR THE SERVICE GREATLY OUTWEIGH SUCH INCONVENIENCES. IF THE COURSE IS NOT HELD IN SEPTEMBER, IT WILL DEFINITELY BE HELD NOVEMBER 13 - DECEMBER 1.

3. THE FALL PROGRAM WILL BEGIN AT FSI WITH AN IN-DEPTH SEMINAR COVERING SIGNIFICANT, BROAD CONSULAR PROBLEMS EMPHASIZING BOTH THE WASHINGTON PERSPECTIVE ON THESE PROBLEMS AND THE VIEW FROM THE FIELD. NEW APPROACHES TO CONSULAR WORK AND TECHNICAL INNOVATIONS WILL BE DISCUSSED AS WELL AS VARIOUS ASPECTS OF INTERPERSONAL RELATIONS BETWEEN FSLs, OFFICERS, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. THE GROUP WILL ALSO VISIT RELATED AGENCIES OUTSIDE THE WASHINGTON AREA INCLUDING THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, THE IMMIGRATION & NATURALIZATION SERVICE, AND OTHERS. THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM WILL BE TO PROVIDE PARTICIPANTS WITH AN APPRECIATION OF THE BREADTH OF CURRENT AND IMPENDING CONSULAR PROBLEMS, A REALISTIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE DEPARTMENT'S ROLE IN THE PROBLEM SOLVING PROCESS, AS WELL AS NEW AP-
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PROACHES AND METHODS OF HANDLING CONSULAR WORKLOADS AT POST.

4. THE PROGRAM IS NOT INTENDED FOR THOSE EMPLOYEES APPROACHING RETIREMENT AGE, OR AS A REWARD FOR LONG AND FAITHFUL SERVICE. RATHER, IT IS DESIGNED FOR THOSE OUTSTANDING LOCALS WHOSE INTENTIONS AND WHOSE PERFORMANCE TO DATE INDICATE THAT THEY WILL HAVE AT LEAST FIVE TO TEN ADDITIONAL YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE USG IN AN AREA WHERE SUCH A PROGRAM WOULD BE OF DIRECT BENEFIT. NOMINEES SHOULD HAVE COMPLETED ONE OR MORE CORRESPONDENCE COURSES ON CONSULAR WORK OR THEIR EQUIVALENT THROUGH ON-THE-JOB TRAINING.

5. THE FSL NOMINATED SHOULD BE OPERATING WITH A MINIMUM OF SUPERVISION ON DUTIES CLEARLY OF AN ADVANCED LEVEL. THESE DUTIES COULD INCLUDE WORK IN ANY OR ALL OF THE CONSULAR FUNCTIONS, I.E., CITIZENSHIP/PASSPORT, SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES, NON-IMMIGRANT AND IMMIGRANT VISAS.

6. PARTICIPANTS NOMINATED FOR THE PROGRAM SHOULD BE FLUENT IN ENGLISH (INTERPRETERS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE). THEY MUST BE IN EXCELLENT HEALTH AND SHOULD ALSO BE CAPABLE OF

PUBLIC SPEAKING AND ABLE TO HANDLE THEMSELVES IN SEMINARS.

7. IN VIEW OF THE VERY SHORT TIME WHICH MAY BE AVAILABLE TO MAKE FINAL ARRANGEMENTS IF A SEPTEMBER CLASS IS HELD, ADDRESSEE POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS FOR THE FALL CLASS TELEGRAPHICALLY TO REACH THE DEPARTMENT NO LATER THAN AUGUST 18. CABLE SUBMITTING NOMINATIONS SHOULD ALSO CONTAIN COST OF AIR FARE WASHINGTON, D.C. AND RETURN.

8. SINCE PARTICIPATION WILL BE LIMITED BY BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS, POSTS SHOULD PROVIDE, AS APPROPRIATE, A SUGGESTED RANKING OF TWO OR POSSIBLY THREE NOMINEES FROM CONSULAR SECTIONS ON A BASIS OF RELATIVE NEEDS AMONG CONSULAR UNITS, I.E., CITIZENSHIP/PASSPORT, SCS, AND VISAS. WHILE
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POSTS' REQUESTS WILL BE HONORED TO EXTENT POSSIBLE, FINAL SELECTION WILL NECESSARILY BE MADE BY FSI. NOMINATING CABLES SHOULD BE UNDER SUBJECT HEADING "CONSULAR EMPLOYEES PROFESSIONAL SEMINAR".

9. DATA TO BE SUBMITTED MUST INCLUDE FULL NAME; DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH; STATEMENT CONFIRMING FLUENCY IN ENGLISH; LENGTH OF SERVICE TO DATE WITH USG; DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES PRESENTLY PERFORMED; EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE, AND OTHER BACKGROUND IN CONSULAR WORK; SPECIFIC CONSULAR UNIT NOMINEE WILL PERFORM IN IF CHANGE IS PLANNED; AND POSTS' JUSTIFICATION OF NOMINATION.

10. IF A SEPTEMBER COURSE IS HELD, POST WILL BE NOTIFIED AND FISCAL AND TRAVEL DATA FORWARDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. OTHERWISE, POSTS WILL BE INFORMED NO LATER THAN WEEK OF OCTOBER 20. UNFORTUNATELY, DUE TO THE INTENSIVE NATURE OF THE TRAINING PROGRAM, DEPENDENTS CANNOT BE PERMITTED TO ACCOMPANY PARTICIPANTS.

11. PREVIOUS COURSES HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY WELL-RECEIVED BOTH BY INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANTS AND THEIR POSTS. FSI HOPES THAT THE FALL, 1978 COURSE WILL PROVE EQUALLY VALUABLE. VANCE

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